

IN THE CLAIMS:

Pl ase rewrite claims 21, 26, and 28 to recite the following:

Claim 21. (3rd Amendment) An oral composition comprising:

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- (a) a pharmaceutical active selected from the group consisting of antitussives, antihistamines, non-sedating antihistamines, decongestants, expectorants, analgesics, mucolytics, antipyretics, anti-inflammatory agents, local anesthetics, and mixtures thereof, wherein the pharmaceutical active has a molecular weight of less than 500 grams per mole;
 - (b) a hydrophilic, water-miscible, anhydrous solvent wherein the pharmaceutical active in its un-ionized form has a percent solubility value in the solvent at ambient temperature that is equal to or greater than 0.075% and the pharmaceutical active is in its free, un-ionized form as a monomolecular dispersion in the solvent; and
 - (c) a reducing agent wherein the reducing agent has an E^0 value equal to or greater than about -0.119V.

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Claim 26. (Amended) The composition according to claim 21 wherein the pharmaceutical active is capable of being ionized when the composition comprises an aqueous solvent, and in its un-ionized form has an octanol-water partition coefficient of at least 100.

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Claim 28. (Amended) The composition according to claim 21 wherein the pharmaceutical active is in the solvent at a concentration of less than or equal to 125% of the percent solubility value of said active.